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“South Carolina students deserve to have a structure in place that guarantees their success as the sole focus of the individuals charged with leading the state’s public education system. Thankfully, Governor Haley and I share priorities and have been able to work as a team to ensure a brighter future for South Carolina students, but a cooperative relationship between the governor and the State Superintendent should be an assurance, rather than the fortunate result of an election. For these reasons, I feel that the State Superintendent of Education should be a position that is appointed by the governor and held accountable through the executive branch.”

“The job of State Superintendent of Education requires both a unique skill set and background. Unfortunately, few of the qualified individuals who would do wonderful things for our state’s students even consider the position because of the daunting prospect of running an expensive and time-consuming statewide campaign. For these reasons, I strongly feel that the head of our state’s public education system should be a position that is appointed by the governor and held accountable through the executive branch, with specific qualifications set by the General Assembly.” Molly Spearman, State Superintendent of Education

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